## Undergraduate Head clerks—Registration Department—promotion as District Registrars.

**156. Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—(a) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table copies of petitions submitted by Head clerks of Registry Offices since the revision of 1930 praying the Government to consider their claims in filling up the vacancies of District Registrars;

(b) what were the orders on these petitions;

(c) is there any order that undergraduates should not be posted as District Registrars; if so, will that order be placed on the Council Table;

(d) was not an undergraduate preferred to a Law Graduate in filling up the vacancy of a first grade District Registrar very recently?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—(a) Government do not think that any special purpose will be served by placing the petitions on the Council table.

(b) The petitioners were told that their request could not be granted.

(c) Yes; the order is as follows:—

"The Superintendent is requested to note that he should not recommend Matriculates and undergraduates, in future, to the place of District Registrars".

(d) Yes.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know Sir, whether the Government is aware of the practice obtaining in British India, reserving a certain percentage of the posts of Registrars to undergraduates and clerks who have experience?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—We are not aware.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Was any under-graduate entertained after this order?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—Yes, after the order was passed promotions were given., i. e., when a first grade Registrar retired the next senior man in the second grade was appointed to first grade. No direct recruitment of undergraduates has been made.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Do not the undergraduate Head Clerks act as Registrars in those places when the Registrars take leave?

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**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—In short vacancies, they act.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Has the Government any objection to reserve a small percentage at least of the District Registrar's places for promotion of under-graduate clerks?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—Government are of opinion that all District Registrars should be graduates.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With regard to under-graduates of experience and approved capacity now existing in the service, will the Government do something in view of the fact that such practice is obtained in British India from where you almost always copy?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—The Government have already given their opinion in the matter.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will they be pleased to re-consider their decision in view of the fact already explained by me?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—The Government have already expressed their opinion. There is no question of reconsideration.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Are we to take that the opinion once expressed by the Government is not reconsiderable?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—Each case will have to be viewed independently and on its own merit and not as a general principle.

## Arecanut trade—Kokkalai market—Grant of licenses.

157. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many licenses have been granted by the Government to carry on trade in arecanuts in the Kokkalai market;

(b) had not the system of giving licenses to more persons than one to deal in arecanuts been in vogue for the last many years at Kokkalai?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—(a) Nil.

(b) No.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of any arecanut trade carried on in Kokkalai market.

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